



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Cathy Stepp, Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
101 S. Webster St.
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Ms. Stepp:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has conducted a complete review of the final Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Tainter Lake and Lake Menomin, including supporting documentation and follow up information. Tainter Lake and Lake Menomin are located in west central Wisconsin, in Dunn County. The TMDLs were calculated for phosphorus to address eutrophication to achieve the recreational designated use.

The TMDLs meet the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 130. Therefore, EPA hereby approves Wisconsin's 2 TMDLs for phosphorus for Tainter Lake and Lake Menomin. The statutory and regulatory requirements, and EPA's review of Wisconsin's compliance with each requirement, are described in the enclosed decision document.

We wish to acknowledge Wisconsin's effort in submitting these TMDLs and look forward to future TMDL submissions by the State of Wisconsin. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Peter Swenson, Chief of the Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at 312-886-0236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tinka G. Hyde", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tinka G. Hyde
Director, Water Division

Enclosure

cc: Paul Laliberte, WDNR